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Summer School Program Ended

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within the opening week of the six weeks session.

A typical day for the youngsters began at 8:30 a.m. and closed at 1:00 p.m. This included a bus ride to and from school for one hundred forty-four students who were enrolled. Lunch was served, and a morning juice break was provided. The schedule for the day reflected planning centered around the nine objectives set up for the school. They were:

Objective I – To orient the young child to school.

Objective II – To help the child to work and play in groups.

Objective III – To help the child acquire "learning how to learn" skills.

Objective IV – To help the child participate in experiences that help develop him culturally.

Objective V – To help the child develop motor coordination.

Objective VI – To develop good nutrition and acceptable eating habits.

Objective VII – To screen, detect, or refer the child to improve physical and mental health.

Objective VIII – To help the child improve his self-image.

Objective IX – To help the child clarify his thoughts through oral communication.

In order to make a meaningful evaluation of the progress made by each individual, an evaluation form was devised which lists skills under each objective. Examples of these skills are; Sees likenesses and differences as a pre-reading skills; uses a number vocabulary; largest, smallest, tallest, etc. – a quantitative concept evaluation.

The summer staff was composed of seven teachers and eight teacher-aides. The class size varied from 18 to 21 students per teacher. This is a better pupil - teacher ratio than is possible in a regular session, which is a significant factor in considering the progress made by the students. The teacher-aides, also, are essential to the effectiveness of the program. There para - professionals are used in both the summer and winter sessions as a part of the instructional team rather than as clerical assistants to the teachers. The background of the teacher - aides employed in the summer program varies from that of high school graduates to college graduates.

The concept of individualized instruction is fundamental in planning an effective school program which enables all children to share in certain basic experiences, and each child to participate in activities based upon interests, abilities, and special skills or talents. Each individual is provided opportunity to achieve his potential. Local citizens were invited to visit in the classrooms during both the summer and regular sessions to observe the teaching procedures employed. To give the students a broader background for their entry into school in the Fall, trips were arranged to Cole's Diary, the Appomattox Post Office, Farmers Bank, Fidelity Bank, Harold Stratton and Charlie Lewis farms, and the Lynchburg Municipal Airport. Resource persons who visited the classrooms were Howard Gregory, Virginia State Police, and members of the Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department. Mrs. Lena McLean, school nurse, came to school to allow the students to meet her and hear about clinic room care.

The Parent Visitation Day was held on July 21, when 76 adults visited the classrooms, had juice break with their children, and attended a meeting at which they heard information about the structure of the summer session and organizational procedures of the regular session. The non-graded approach to instruction includes introducing new materials as the development of the child's skills indicated the need.

SOUTHERN STATES MEMBERSHIP HELD JULY 27th

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pomattox was named as the delegate, while R. Monroe Dyess of Route 4 was named as alternate.

One of the highlights of the meeting was a report on local operations and the service rendered to agriculture. The report was given by Ronald Coleman, co-manager of Coleman & Sons. He reported that Southern States Cooperative/the association would pay a 1.2% refund to its patron-members this year.

Morris Sutton of Richmond, Virginia, regional staff representative of Southern States Cooperative, reported that the cooperative had a total volume of about $254,600,000 for the year ended June 30. The cooperative serves patron-members in Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia and Kentucky.

He also discussed the role of the cooperative during the past 49 years in "Strengthening Rural Agriculture."

Mr. Sutton stated that, "As the agricultural economy goes, so goes the overall economy in most rural communities. Without a healthy agriculture, the average rural community would not be able to grow. In fact, the reverse would be true and we would see many small cities and towns stagnate as more good young rural people continued the migration to already overcrowded cities."

Mr. Sutton pointed out that "many things make a healthy agriculture, including good weather, enlightened governmental policies and attitudes, good farm management, good farm production supplies and a healthy general economy that results in good markets for farm products. But perhaps the most important factor," he said "is the American farmer himself – the same farmer who has had only a 6% real pay increase in the years 1951-71. He has been so efficient that Americans now spend only 16% of their take-home pay for food. Just 20 years ago it took 23%. Now the farmer only gets 38¢ out of each food dollar as compared with 49¢ in 1951."

Mr. Sutton declared that "by himself, an individual farmer can't be an effective force in the market place, but by pooling their resources in cooperatives for purchasing supplies and marketing farm products they can get things done."

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There was also a ceremony honoring retiring members of the Farm Home Advisory Committee Members.

The session also included the presentation of the Cooperative Service Agency Certificate to Co-Managers Ronald Coleman and Dan Coleman in recognition of 25 years service with Southern States Cooperative by Coleman Seed and Feed Store now known by the name of Coleman & Sons.

LABOR SURVEY SET FOR AUGUST 11 & 12

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High School students who will be seeking employment within the next two years and will be interested in staying in their home-town to work are invited to sign up at this time.

Initial employment at Thomasville Furniture Industries will begin at 200 to 250 persons and within a year or two after production begins the plant should be providing employment for 600 to 700 persons.

We MUST have a favorable Labor Survey for Appomattox County and we MUST have it NOW, that is why we are urging you to come by during the 2-day sign-up time and let your interest in this type of employment be known now.

The Pastor Speaks

DOES GOD REALLY CARE?

Man is capable of both trust and doubt. You may know someone who feels that he (or she) has sinned unpardonably. Doubt alienates him from God. The fact is, many Christians, plagued by pessimism, do not possess full "peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 5:1) Yet they fear discovery, blame themselves or someone else for the lack of assurance, and feel miserable over an internal split between hope and despair. The paradox of belief is "There can be no greatness of devotion without the risk of defection from one's cause."

We all face the possibility of doubt. Man was created free and responsible. Adam and Eve knew the privilege of close fellowship with God and the possibility of doubting His word.

Everywhere the Scriptures testify to the inner struggle in the heart of man between good and evil. We have several modes of responding to life's circumstances. We can flee, fight, fold up, fume, face it. In Matthew 14:22-30, we have the true story of Jesus walking on the water in the Sea of Galilee. We notice that as Peter walks out and takes his eyes off Jesus, begins to doubt, he goes down in the water. He must make a quick decision. His decision was to ask the Lord to save him. Jesus immediately grabbed him and rebuked Peter: "How little faith you have! Why did you doubt?" So many times our decisions are fashioned in the workshop of doubt. Doubt can furnish an opportunity for you to grow. This was true in the life of Thomas who doubted, but later when he knew for sure, he cried, "My Lord and my God!" His faith was strengthened by his former frustration.

May I give to you a few suggestions that should be helpful to you:

(1) Admit that people with a strong faith may sometimes have doubts. (2) Christians should welcome new discoveries learned through perplexity and faithful inquiry. (3) Faith is strengthened in fellowship with God's people. (4) Christian commitment is a growing process. Growth requires effort, questions, tests, and achievement of new goals.

How Does God Care?

God is for us as Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, and Righteous Judge. He rules our lives with patience, goodness, and wisdom. In Jesus Christ we see the consistency of His love fully revealed. God ran the risk that man would rebel against Him, and man did. Man has choices to make and risks of his own to run as he shares in this life. God does care about us and He guides and guards, without coercing, the paths of our lives. We can cast all our care upon Him, assured that He cares for us (1 Peter 5:7)

Richard C. Brackin, pastor Liberty Baptist Church, Appomattox, Virginia, 24522

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

MUTUAL STIRRING

Lesson for August 6, 1972

Background Scripture: Psalms 122; I Corinthians 11:23-28; Hebrews 10:23-25.
Devotional Reading: Psalms 34: 1-10.

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" (Psalms 122:1), says the psalmist.

There are many people today who do not share his gladness. They do not "enjoy" congregational worship. "I don't get anything out of it," they sometimes say.

Actually, many of these people miss the point: a good deal of worship has to do with what you give, rather than what you get. The psalmist, for example, prays for the needs of others: "For my brethren and companions' sake, I will say, 'Peace be within you!'" (122:8). His focus is not upon "getting" something: "For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good" (122:9).

The By-Product

In his book, SURPRISED BY JOY, C. S. Lewis tells us that after many years of fruitless searching, he found that joy is a by-product. In seeking something of a less selfcentered nature, he was often "surprised by Joy." When he sought it, it eluded him.

Perhaps one of the reasons some people don't get "anything out of worship" is that they are not putting anything into it. They are seeking peace, but not giving it. They want to find inspiration, but perhaps, like Joy, inspiration is a by-product of selfgiving. Perhaps it was because he was willing to pray for the peace of others, that the psalmist found so much joy in going up to Jerusalem to worship in the temple.

Maybe the next time we come home from church we ought to ask, not what we got out of it, but what we put into it. The writer of Hebrews puts his finger on this same idea: "let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works . . . encouraging one another . . ." (Hebrews 10:24, 25). Actually the church ought to be a kind mutual-stirring society. If we worship, we will focus on encouraging others, inspiring them. If we do, we will probably find that we ourselves have been inspired as well.

The Great Neglect

A pastor once called on a man who, though professing to be a Christian, had absented himself from worship in the church for a number of years. "I don't want to offend you, Pastor," he said, "but I feel I can be a Christian just as easily by sitting here by my fire and listening to a church on the radio."

The minister said nothing for a few minutes, staring into the fireplace and his eyes fell. Suddenly he leaned forward and grasping the fire tongs, he lifted a burning coal out of the fire and placed it by itself on the stone sill. In a few minutes the coal stopped glowing and went out. The parishoner watched all this and then said: "I get the point; I'll be in church on Sunday."

Without each other and our mutual stirring, the fire of faith grows dim and goes out.

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PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR AUGUST 9

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Written statements and other exhibits relative to the proposed project may be presented in place of, or in addition to, oral statements at the public hearing. Such written statements and exhibits may also be submitted to the Department of Highways at any time within 10 days after the public hearing.

Relocation assistance programs, as well as tentative schedules for right-of-way acquisition and construction also be discussed at the hearing.

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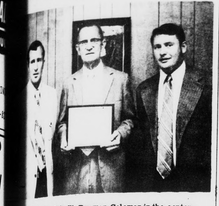
Coleman & Sons Receives Twenty-Five Year Award



Coleman, far left, W. Twyman Coleman in the center, and Ronald Coleman on the right of Coleman and Sons display the Twenty-Five award received last Thursday from Southern Cooperative.

Annual Membership Meeting of the Southern Cooperative held on July 27, at Coleman and Sons in Appomattox, a plaque was presented to Coleman and Sons for twenty-five years service with Southern States. During the 25 year period, the business was first established as Coleman's Feed & Seed and later became Coleman & Sons.

Coleman Feed and Seed Store was first established in October of 1946, in the old Burge Building in the Town of Appomattox, by W. Twyman Coleman, a native of Appomattox and a 1932 graduate of Appomattox High School.

Mr. Coleman built at the present location in 1954, enlarging the facilities to include feed grinding and mixing and seed cleaning services. The business was incorporated July 1st, 1970, when Mr. Coleman's sons, Ronald Coleman and Dan Coleman, bought into the business.

In October of 1946, Coleman joined Southern States Cooperative and has now completed a little over 25 years service with them.

Mr. Coleman has obtained a license as Real Estate Salesman and has plans to work actively in the Real Estate Business in the near future. He is married to the former Isbelle Marshall of Appomattox and they have five children: Ronald and Dan, mentioned above; Mrs. Carolyn White, a teacher in the Colonial Heights School System; Kathy, a rising senior at Longwood College and Phillip, who will enter VPI this fall.

Ronald M. Coleman, co-owner of Coleman & Sons, graduated from Appomattox High School in 1957, and received a B S Degree in Economics from Lynchburg College in 1961. After graduation from College, Ronald joined the United States Navy and attended Officer Training School in Pensacola, Florida, where he was commissioned an Ensign in January of 1962. After serving three years active duty, he now holds a full Lieutenant rank in the Inactive Reserve of the U. S. Navy.

After completing his military obligation, Ronald worked as Manager of a Marriott Hot Shop Cafeteria in Norfolk for two years and then became Project Engineer with Babcock & Wilcox, Naval Nuclear Fuel Division, where he worked for three years. He came to Appomattox in July of 1970 and bought into the business then owned by his father, W. Twyman Coleman.

He is married to the former Luella Martin of Pamplin and they have two children, Beverly and Sally.

Dan G. Coleman, a 1959 graduate of Appomattox High School, received his B S Degree in Business Administration from VPI, Blacksburg, in 1964. He worked for Johnson-Carper Furniture Company as personnel manager for two years before joining the United States Army. He was a Specialist in Personnel Administration during the two and one-half years he served in the Army, a year of which time was spent in Viet Nam. After completing his military obligation, he returned to Johnson-Carper Furniture Company as Purchasing Agent and worked with that firm prior to coming to Appomattox in July of 1970, when he and his brother bought into the business of Coleman Feed and Seed Store, incorporating the business and changing the name to Coleman & Sons.

Dan is married to the former Carolyn Anderson of Roanoke, Va. and they have two children, Jennifer, 3 and Robby, 1.

Coleman and Sons is now owned by Roland Coleman and Dan Coleman, with Twyman Coleman, their father, serving as President of the Corporation.

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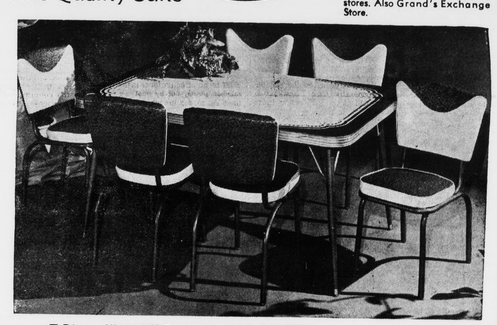
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